

REMARKS

In the Official Action, the Examiner objected to the specification and raised a rejection under the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. §112 due to the reference to Japanese standard JIS K 7121. The examiner stated that applicants would have to amend the specification to include a description of the standard or provide an English translation of the standard. There were no other objections or rejections set forth in the Action.


By the instant response, a minor grammatical matter has been addressed in the specification and a copy of the Japanese language explanation of JIS K 7121 and an English translation thereof are attached hereto. Since the submission of this information is in compliance with the request by the Examiner, applicants respectfully submit that all matters raised in the Action have been fully met and therefore request reconsideration and allowance of the present application.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any aspect of the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Japanese Standard JIS K 7121 and English translation